



TASMANIA

78th MARIA ISLAND RACE

Friday 21 November 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

Organised By

THE ROYAL
YACHT CLUB
OF TASMANIA



1. Organising Authority

The Organising Authority is The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania (RYCT).

2. Rules

- 2.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), the IRC Rules 2025 Parts A, B and C, 2025 IMS Rules and the 2025 ORC Rating System Rules all as modified by the sailing instructions.
- 2.2 Boats shall comply with AS Special Regulations (AS SR) Part 1, Category 3 with Life Raft. Boats may be subject to a Category 3 spot inspection by the Organising Authority.
- 2.3 The following alteration(s) have been made to the rules:
 - 2.3.1 IRC Rule 21.1.5 (e): A Spare mainsail may be carried in the race as a bona fide replacement for a mainsail damaged during the race.
 - 2.3.2 IRC Rule 21.6.1: In accordance with a prescription by Australian Sailing, a boat in the IRC Handicap Category may carry one more headsail and/or spinnaker than shown on her current IRC certificate of area not greater than rated HAS, HLUMax and SPA, without an increase in rating.
 - 2.3.3 RRS 51: A boat with movable ballast or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the special regulations) may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability.
 - 2.3.4 RRS 52: Amended to permit stored power for the purposes of operating sails and moving of movable ballast.
 - 2.3.5 RRS 52: Amended to allow self-steering equipment to be used by boats who have been granted dispensation to race two handed.
- 2.4 Sailing Instructions will be available from the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania from 1700 hours on Monday 10 November 2025. They may also be published on the RYCT website.
- 2.5 Yellow Brick trackers will be provided for each boat in the race, and the tracker shall be switched on and attached to the boat as per supplied instructions at all times while at sea, whether racing or retired.

3. Eligibility of Boats

- 3.1 Requirement for all boats
 - 3.1.1 Be single hulled and self-righting. Multihull boats' owners seeking to race are requested to seek permission from the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania to enter.
 - 3.1.2 Have an overall length not less than 8.5 metres.
 - 3.1.3 Comply with the AS SR for Category 3 events as amended.
 - 3.1.4 Be on the register of a yacht club affiliated with its National Authority.
 - 3.1.5 Storm trysail, or a mainsail reefing to reduce the luff by at least 50%, and storm jib as for Category 2. Both will be demonstrated rigged prior to start by sailing past the starting line and receiving radio confirmation from the Race Committee.
 - 3.1.6 An inboard engine in operating order with sufficient fuel for a minimum of 24 hours use and not less than the minimum requirements for Category 2.
 - 3.1.7 An adequate supply of water as per Category 2.
 - 3.1.8 A life raft as per Category 2, certified within the previous 12 months except where a life raft manufacturer's recommended inspection interval exceeds 12 months, then inspected and certified within the manufacturer's recommended interval.

- 3.1.9 Boats shall carry radios capable of transmitting and receiving MF/HF frequencies 2524 and 4483 **and/or** VHF 16, 67, 21, 72, 73, 81.

3.2 Insurance

The owner or charterer of a boat entered in the race or series shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with the respect to the boat, current when racing and not racing, with an adequate sum insured of not less than AUD\$10 million (or its equivalent in another currency). The policy shall state that the boat is covered for the race in which it is participating or that it is covered for races of a length greater than the length of the race in which it is participating. The policy shall be in effect throughout the period of 2025 Maria Island Race.

3.3 IRC Boats

A boat may only enter the IRC Category if the boat has a current, valid IRC certificate.

3.4 PHS Boats

PHS boats will be less than 30.0m LOA and will be handicapped by the RYCT Handicap Committee.

3.5 ORC club Boats

A boat may only enter the ORCc Category if the boat has a current, valid ORCc certificate.

4. Eligibility of Crew

For the 2025 Maria Island Race:

- 4.1 The minimum number of crew on any boat shall be four (4).
- 4.2 At least two (2) crew members on the boat shall have a Senior First Aid certificate or equivalent or higher qualification.
- 4.3 At least two members of the crew on the boat shall have a Restricted Operators Certificate of Proficiency in Radio Telephony issued by a relevant authority, or equivalent or higher qualification.
- 4.4 At least 50% of the total crew (rounded up) of each boat must have a valid AS Safety and Sea Survival Certificate (SSSC) as per AS SR Part 1, Section 6.
- 4.5 Any boat which is unable to meet the requirements of 4.1 – 4.4 may apply to the Race Committee for an exemption. Such application shall be in writing and provide full details of their grounds for an exemption and shall be received by Friday 1st November 2025.

Two-Handed Boats

- 4.6 A boat shall have two crew.
- 4.7 Both crew members shall meet the requirements of WS Regulation 19 (WS Eligibility Code) and shall be a current financial member of an Australian Sailing (AS) affiliated club. A temporary AS SailPass membership will not be accepted for this event.
- 4.8 Both crew members shall be 18 years of age or over.
- 4.9 Both crew members shall have completed a Category 3 race or an equivalent passage within the past two years. Particulars shall be supplied under Clause 5.2.5.
- 4.10 Both crew members shall have a Senior First Aid certificate or equivalent or higher qualification.

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- 4.11 Both crew members shall have a Restricted Operators Certificate of Proficiency in Radio Telephony issued by a relevant authority, or equivalent or higher qualification.
- 4.12 Both crew members shall have a valid AS Safety and Sea Survival Certificate (SSSC) as per Special Regulations Part 1, Section 6.

5. Entries

Entry shall be received on the online forms supplied by the Organising Authority:

Go to the RYCT Sailing Online entry webpage:

- 5.1 <https://topyacht.com.au/db/kb2/1893> Select Series Entry then "Maria Island Race"
Select the relevant "TopYacht Boat Register" option and submit.
- 5.2 As required by this Notice of Race (NoR) or the AS SR, boats entering shall attach a valid:
 - 5.2.1 A valid audited AS Special Regulations equipment audit form for Cat 3 events as amended.
 - 5.2.2 Category 2 Life Raft Inspection Certificate(s) as part of the online entry.
 - 5.2.3 406 MHz EPIRB registration certificate in the boat's name (ref. AS SR 4.18) as part of the online entry.
 - 5.2.4 Colour photograph of the boat under sail, suitable for search and rescue purposes – this may be a digital photograph of a size not less than 60 mm by 60 mm with a resolution not less than 300 dpi, emailed or left at RYCT Office.
 - 5.2.5 A brief history of the boat for publicity purposes in the online entry.
 - 5.2.6 Crew list in the Skipper/Crew details on the online entry – crew members with a registered Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) are required to provide the Hex number on the online crew list form.
 - 5.2.7 Australian Sailing Safety and Sea Survival Course Certificates (NoR 4.4) as part of the online crew registration.
 - 5.2.8 Senior First Aid Certificates (NoR 4.2) as part of the online crew registration.
 - 5.2.9 Radio Operator's Certificate of Proficiency in Radio Telephony or higher qualification (NoR 4.3) as part of the online crew registration.
 - 5.2.10 Evidence of a structural inspection in accordance with Australian Sailing Special Regulations 3.02.4 within 24 months before the start of the race or after a grounding whichever is the later.
- 5.3 A completed online Entry Form and Declaration and Indemnity, plus the additional items specified above shall be received by the Organising Authority by 1700 hours on Monday 10 November 2025 (Close of Entries).
 - 5.3.1 Entries may be received after the Close of Entries at the discretion of the Race Committee.
 - 5.3.2 Corrections to the items specified in NoR 5.2 shall be received by the Organising Authority within one week of the Close of Entries.
- 5.4 **Privacy Note:** Personal information about crew members is obtained in the crew lists. That information is obtained for use in search and rescue situations. The information will be given to search and rescue authorities and organisations, the water police, volunteer coastal stations and media representatives, and may be passed on by them to other organisations. A condition of entry is that crew members are to be informed of this and advised that they may obtain access to the information held about them by contacting the Organising Authority.

- 5.5 The Race Committee reserves the right to reject or cancel any entry at its discretion (RRS 76.1).
- 5.6 The Race Committee will publish a final list of entries for the 2025 Maria Island Race by 1600 hours on the day of the Race Briefing (NoR 13). Protests concerning eligibility of another entry shall be received no later than 1200 hours the next day.

6. Fees

Entries received shall be \$105.00 (paid online).

Additional handicap category entry fees shall be AUD35.00 each (paid online).

Late entry fee shall be \$100.00

7. Categories

7.1 There are three categories:

7.1.1 IRC

7.1.2 PHS (Performance Handicap System)

7.1.3 ORC Club

7.2 Boats may enter any category for which they qualify.

7.3 A boat electing to race in more than one handicap category shall pay the additional handicap entry fee.

7.4 Divisions may be formed in each of the above categories, subject to the number of entries.

7.5 The organising authority may alter, amalgamate or divide any category and may add categories as required. The organising authority may cancel any category if fewer than five entries have been received by the closing date. In this event, boats that have entered will have the option of transferring to another category (if eligible) or having their entry fee refunded.

8. Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Mon 10 Nov 2025	17:00	Close of Entries	RYCT Sailing Office
Fri 14 November 2025	17:00	Deadline for corrections to entry details	
Thu 20 November 2025	18:00	Mandatory Briefing & Collect Trackers (If required, a second briefing will be held at 20:00 for competitors who are competing in Twilight Races.)	RYCT Bass & Flinders Room
Fri 21 Nov 2025	19:00	Race Start	River Derwent Castray start box

9. The Course and Charts

9.1 The courses to be sailed will be as follows:

Course A From the starting line leaving the Iron Pot to PORT leaving Tasman Island to PORT, around Maria Island, leaving this to STARBOARD thence to the finishing line leaving Tasman Island to STARBOARD and the Iron Pot to STARBOARD

Course B As for Course A but leaving Maria Island to PORT

9.2 The following paper charts shall be carried on board:

AUS 171 Hobart to Norfolk Bay

AUS 796 Tasman Head to Cape Frederick Hendrick

AUS 797 Tasman Island to Mistaken Cape

10. Scoring and Handicaps

10.1 IRC Category: Results will be decided by the application of the Time Corrector (TCC) as shown on the IRC Certificate.

10.2 PHS Category: Results will be decided by the application of the Time Corrector Factor (TCF) as a multiplier of elapsed times. The TCF shall be determined by the Race Committee and shall not be subject to protest or request for redress (amends RRS 60.1 and 62)

10.3 ORCc Category: For ORCc this will be the Single Number Scoring Option, All Purpose (AP) Time on Time as printed on the certificate.

The scoring system will not be subject to protest or dispute (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a)).

11. Penalties

A boat that fails to return and start when signalled in accordance with RRS 29.1 shall receive a 30-minute elapsed time penalty. This alters RRS A5.1

12. Advertising

Boats may be required to display the event sponsors name or logo in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.4.1 as directed by the Race Committee.

13. Race Briefing

A mandatory Race and Weather Briefing shall be held at RYCT at 1800 hours on Thursday 20 November 2025. If required, a second briefing will be held at 20:00 for competitors who are competing in Twilight Races. At least two members of the crew of each boat shall attend this briefing including the nominated *person in charge*. Failure to attend may result in a protest by the Race Committee. Trackers will be distributed at the briefing.

14. Prizes and Trophies

14.1 Prizes shall be awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each Category for the race, subject to a minimum of five (5) entries received.

14.2 A Line Honours prize will be awarded.

14.3 Other prizes and trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

15. Safety

- 15.1 The attention of all persons taking part in the 2025 Maria Island Race is drawn to the requirement to be aware of the application of the *Marine Safety (Misuse of Alcohol) Act, 2006*.
- 15.2 It is also recommended that entrants have a Man Overboard procedure that all crew members have practised.

16. Disclaimer

The Organising Authority, the Race Committee, the Race Sponsors and their respective representatives, officers, members and volunteers accept no liability whatsoever for any loss of life, property, personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the 2025 Maria Island Race. Participants compete entirely at their own risk.

17. Conditions of Entry

By submitting an entry, the owner/charterer agrees to be bound by all the rules and conditions of the races. By submitting an entry, the owner/charterer acknowledges and accepts:

- 17.1 RISK STATEMENT: RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. The entry of the boat and crew is agreed and accepted by the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania on the basis that the owner/charterer, his/her Person in Charge and crew are individually aware of and conversant with the risks involved in the sport of ocean racing and that the participation in this event is entirely at the risk of the owner/competitor and his/her skipper and crew.
- 17.2 He/she and the crew are familiar with the Racing Rules of Sailing "RRS" and the Australian Sailing Special Regulations as amended.
- 17.3 He/she and the crew are familiar with and understand RRS 3 "Decision to Race", Addendum A (Safety Equipment) and Rule 1.02 "Owners Responsibility" of the Special Regulations.
- 17.4 The entry of the boat and crew is agreed and accepted by the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania on the basis that the owner/charterer, his/her skipper and crew are individually aware of and conversant with the risks involved in the sport of ocean racing and that the participation in this event is entirely at the risk of the owner/ competitor and his/her skipper and crew.
- 17.5 The owner/charterer warrants the suitability of his/her boat for the races.
- 17.6 Neither the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania NOR its officers, employees NOR agents shall be responsible or liable for any loss, damage death or personal injury however caused to the owner/charterer, his/her skipper or crew of their property as a result of taking part in the 2025 Maria Island Race and its related activities, including pre-start and post-finish operations and shore activities.
- 17.7 Neither the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania nor its officers, employees or agents shall be liable for any costs or expenses that may be incurred as a result of special assistance at sea being arranged for any reason whatsoever.

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17.8 Neither the existence of these conditions, and their use by the race organisers, or the inspection of the boat pursuant to these conditions in any way limits the absolute responsibility of the owner/charterer and crew.

17.9 The crew has been advised by the owner/charterer to satisfy themselves as to the experience of the skipper and the adequacy of the boat, all safety equipment and insurance arrangements.

Pre-Entry Check List

NoR Clause	Item	Date to be completed	Date submitted
5.1	Online Entry	Mon 10 October 2025	
5.1	Entry Fee paid with credit card	Fri 14 November 2025	
5.2.1	Audited Special Equipment Compliance Declaration online	Fri 14 November 2025	
5.2.10	Structural Inspection Certificate (Keel/Rudder) online	Fri 14 November 2025	
5.2.2	Cat 2 Life Raft Inspection Certificate online	Fri 14 November 2025	
5.2.3	406 MHz EPIRB Registration Certificate online	Fri 14 November 2025	
5.2.4	Colour photo of boat online	Fri 14 November 2025	
5.2.5	Brief history of boat	Fri 14 November 2025	
5.2.6	Crew List online	Thu 20 November 2025	
5.2.7	AS SSSC on line	Thu 20 November 2025	
5.2.8	2 Senior First Aid Certificates online	Thu 20 November 2025	
5.2.9	2 Radio Operator's Certificates online	Thu 20 November 2025	
2.2	PFD Service Certificates online	Thu 20 November 2025	
3.2	Insurance Certificate online	Thu 20 November 2025	
13	2 Crew members for Race Briefing. Collect tracker.	Thu 20 November 2025	

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